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Dress regulations for students of the Madras Medical College

* 111 *Q.*—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any dress rekulations for men and women students of the Madras Medical College have been prescribed by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, what they are, and when they will come into force?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) & (*b*) No dress regulations for men and women students of the Madras Medical College, Madras, have so far been prescribed by the Government, but by an understanding some uniform dress is worn by the students of the Madras Medical College. The Executive Committee of the Madras Medical College Asociation has resolved to follow a dress regulation for the College which was given effect to from 1st August 1956 and this has been given effect to by the Dean. A copy of the regulation [a] is placed on the table of the House for information.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : What was the provocation for this change in dress?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The provocation is that there should be a convenient and useful dress for medical students.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Is the Hon. the Minister for Health aware of the fact that wearing of flowers is considered a religious duty by Hindu women students but that the women students of the Medical College are prohibited from wearing flowers when they study in the college?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The students are not expected to do religious duty in the medical college, when they do their work. Probably there is a ban on their wearing flowers while in the college as it may distract attention because of its fragrance.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : The very existence of the opposite sex will distract attention. Wearing of flowers or ornaments is not going to do anything worse.

MR. CHAIRMAN : This is not a question.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is there any regulation regarding wearing of ornaments by girl students?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Nowadays students do not wear ornaments. So, no regulation will be necessary.

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SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I know whether there was any dress regulation and whether any particular dress was prohibited when the Hon. Minister was in the Medical College (An hon. Member. He was not in the medical college) or in the Presidency College wherein there is co-education?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : In the early days when I was at school, there were strict regulations regarding dress. No one would be admitted without a cap. Afterwards, no cap was necessary. No coat was necessary. Anything would do.

Maintenance grant for aided elementary schools

* 112 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of aided elementary schools in the Mannargudi taluk of Tanjore district that received full 15 per cent maintenance grant for the year 1954; and

(*b*) the reasons for which cuts were imposed on maintenance grants in respect of the other aided elementary schools in the taluk?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Five.

(*b*) The percentage of maintenance grant was fixed with reference to rule 7 of the rules for aid and with reference to the particulars in the annual inspection report on the School concerned for the year 1954. Payment of maintenance grant in the case of fee levying schools was restricted to the actual deficit.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : May I know whether there are any uniform rules followed by the departmental officers with regard to cut in the maintenance grant?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, according to rules, it is being done. That is why I said that it was fixed with reference to the rule.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that maintenance grant is cut on account of the inefficiency of certain teachers as judged by the departmental officers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I would like to have notice.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : If the Government get such reports, will they kindly look into the matter and see that the maintenance grant is not cut simply because the Inspecting Officer thinks that certain teachers are inefficient?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do agree that the maintenance grant should not normally be cut. I shall look into the matter.